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UNION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2019 AT 3.00PM
TOWN HALL, GRIMSBY

PRESENT:

Mark Webb	NEL CCG Chair
Dr Peter Melton	Chief Clinical Officer, CCG
Councillor Oxby	Leader of the Council
Councillor Hyldon-King	Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, NELC
Councillor P Wheatley	Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills, Housing and Assets, NELC
Councillor Patrick	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Energy, NELC

APOLOGIES:

Anne Hames	Community Representative, CCG
Dr Thomas Maliyil	GP Representative/ Chair Council of Members, CCG

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rob Walsh	Chief Executive NELC/CCG
Joanne Hewson	Chief Operating Officer, NELC
Laura Whitton	Chief Financial Officer, CCG
Stephen Pintus	Director of Health and Wellbeing, NELC
Sharon Wroot	Director of Resources and Governance, NELC
Helen Kenyon	Chief Operating Officer, CCG
Simon Jones	Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer, NELC
Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager
Helen Askham	PA to Executive Office (Minutes Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as above.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and the following outstanding actions discussed below.

Members noted that the final S75 agreement had been finalised. It will be added to the Work plan for a discussion at a future Union Board workshop.

Action: The final S75 Agreement will be discussed at a future Union Board workshop.

The Humber Acute Services Review will be added to the work plan for discussion at the next Union Board meeting in March.

Action: The Humber Acute Services Review will be an agenda item for the March Union Board meeting.

Members were updated that with regards to the SEND inspection, a letter had been received from OFSTED confirming that the statement of action is fit for purpose. NHS England and NHS Improvement are happy with the agreed direction of travel.

Action: The SEND will be an agenda item for the March Union Board meeting.

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were recorded or interests declared by the Elected members, or the CCG Union Board representatives.

4. FINANCE REPORT

The Union Board were provided with a presentation regarding the financial challenges facing the development of the Union, and the opportunities for integration.

Key financial drivers and critical success factors of the Union were outlined, along with the key challenges facing both organisations regarding the integration of our financial systems.

Members discussed the financial responsibilities of each organisation, their funding resources, along with how finances flow within each organisation.

The management of the NLAG contract was discussed in terms of its significant pull on resources, and how this could be controlled, reducing the drivers of cost and ensuring that treatment was provided in the most cost effective way.

Members discussed the format of future financial reporting and requested that a high-level strategic view be provided which would provide assurance about how resources are being managed and areas of material risk.

The Chair noted that there is a major opportunity to shift the whole system, redirect resources, consider long term and prevention methods, and achieve more together. Members were informed of the work being progressed by officers regarding the approach of the Union to develop a single commissioning approach and set of priorities, to be the subject of a future workshop discussion and Board meeting.

Action: Future reporting principles to be discussed at a future Union Board meeting.

5. ADULT SERVICES REVIEW

The Board received an update on the conclusions of the Adult Services Review, an outline of the next steps and implications for the Union.

The priority is now to share and discuss the review findings. The role of the Union Board is to ensure the key elements of the emerging action plan are “owned” by the most appropriate part of the system and that there is a process in place to provide assurance that the action points are being followed through to delivery.

Members agreed that the report would be discussed in detail at a future Union Board Workshop as part of the planned session on priorities.

Action: Adult Services Review will be added to a future Board Workshop agenda.

6. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR WELLBEING IN NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

A paper was delivered by the Director of Health and Wellbeing regarding the Strategic Framework for Wellbeing.

Members noted that an engagement process will take place shortly, across the Place system to allow time for consideration of and comment on the Framework. Members noted further engagement is to take place within the Council and the CCG. Work is commencing on a more accessible version for the public, with the intention of making this available to all organisations.

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The aim is to seek final approval of the framework by May 2019.

Action: That any comments on the framework be forwarded to the Director of Health and Wellbeing within one week of this meeting.

7. LONG TERM PLAN

The Board received the NHS Long Term Plan which had been developed by health and care leaders to make the NHS fit for the future.

The Board noted that the Long Term Plan outlines a shift in policy towards how North East Lincolnshire are currently working, by the establishment of the Union, Primary Care Networks, and bringing together health and social care. This includes working with ICP's in delivering services locally, and if this is not viable, then the STP will be utilised. It is hoped that these policies, by being included in the Long Term Plan, will add weight to North East Lincolnshire's direction of travel.

The Long Term Plan determines that all regions must have ICP's in place by 2021.

The Union discussed the current commissioning arrangements with NLAG and the proposed changes to how NHS England's national central funding resource is allocated amongst the Trusts, and CCG's. Members agreed to discuss this further as there are potential risks associated with the changes. With regards to the current funding allocations, the Chief Finance Officer, agreed to investigate further and bring back to the Board.

The Chair noted the importance of developing the ICP and the Union, to strength our position, in order to provide services for this region and the people we serve. The Chair urged all Board members to read the Summary, along with chapter seven of the Long Term Plan, which outlines new models of provision, in preparation for further discussion at the next Union Board Workshop. The Board agreed to provide a formal response to NHS England, after consideration of the implications of the Long Term Plan.

Action: Members to discuss NHSE centrally funding arrangements further.

Action: Further discussion will take place at a future Union Board Workshop, and a formal response to NHS England will be drafted.

Action: The Chief Finance Officer is to investigate current funding allocations.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair opened up the meeting to allow for questions from the public.

Action: A "Questions from the Public" item will be added to future Union Board meeting agendas.